GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2456
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2002
PERMISSION TO U.S. NAVY SHIP
T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the U.S. Navy ship USS Vandergrift which made a stop at Cochin in May, 2002 had sought prior permission from the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The U.S. Navy ship USS Vabdegrift made a stop at the Cochin from 4-6 May, 2002 after seeking necessary approvals from Government of India in accordance with prescribed guidelines providing assistance to naval vessels of friendly countries. The ship docked at Cochin for routine rest and replenishment.